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Background

This application is a national phase application based on PCT/EP2004/000071 for filing with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. This application claims priority from the PCT application listed above as well as GB 0300374.6 filed on January 8, 2003 and DE 103 26 977.0 filed on June 12, 2003.